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## PREFACE.

No doubt many and all who read these annals of the Aurand family will do so with surprise and wonder how all these facts were collected and obtained.

Well, you can feel assured that it required not a little time, labor and expense in gathering them as hereby given, and all of which were taken from family, church and court records, also from "Annals of Buffalo Valley by John B. Linn, Esq."

The research was complete and extensive and required a great deal of effort and correspondence. Yet, notwithstanding some of the descendants of several branches could not be traced, owing to the fact for want of interest and knowledge by some of which note is made in the order following the record made of said branches. Hence, not as full as it would be otherwise. But then, so far as known, this is the only authentic record of the family, extant.

One of the most valuable of the records is, "The Family Bible of Geo. Aurand, Esq.," who was a son of the emigrant John, which was written for some years ago by the agent in New York City, and as it was then alleged would have secured a large fortune to the family of the American branch. This "Bible" is now in possession of Rev. Fredrick Aurand, of Millinburg, Pa., a great grand son of the emigrant John.

The court records referred to are those of Northumberland and Union counties which give valuable and interesting information. Hence, in the matter of research for data and information it became so inspiring that the history hereby given of our ancestors was determined, owing to the very valuable and interesting information given to all who are in any way connected with the name or family.

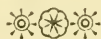
Relatively the name is traced back to the year of our Lord Thirteen Hundred, and associated with the highest honor and rank man can wish to enjoy—the nobility. According to the German and French translation of "Au", is significant of refreshment, peace and joy. Hence, worthy of our highest regard in preserving its purity.

In 1890 when this work was begun the compiler did not think of enlarging on it so extensively, nor that it would be interesting to others until many learning of it wrote and otherwise expressed a desire that it would be published so they could obtain one or more copies. Upon this information the author concluded to have it done and put up in pamphlet form, that any wishing it bound could have it done at any time and in any style desired. Thus the reason for presenting it in this form. Hope however it will not be as embarrassing to read as it was to collect the facts owing to the prevailing ignorance of family origin and

connection, but that it will be a delight to all, and means of information desired, to enthuse in collecting and enlarging on the information hereby obtained that others may become inspired to know more of each other as a family, although not having had any acquaintances or knowledge of each other here, that we have the promise, if we fall asleep in Jesus, we shall see and know each other in Heaven, the state of eternal rest, where I hope we all purpose to meet, and have a happy re-union of kindred friends, is the gratifying thought and wish of the author.

Yours very sincerely,

F. AURAND.



## AURANDT.

The family bearing this name are of eminent Huguenot stock, having occupied positions of high rank, and are traced back in connection with the Sellaire family, which were of the same stock, to A. D. 1300.

The ancestor of the American branch was compelled to flee from France upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV (1685), because of his Protestant faith. Leaving all behind him he escaped with his family to Holland, and later removed to the City of Heidelberg, in Germany.

The names of our great ancestors were Henry Aurandt\* and Anna Christina (nee Hoff) his wife, and lived at or in Straas Ebersbach, in Germany. Later they moved to Dillenburg, where a son was born to them Sept. 5th, 1725, by the name of John, who emigrated to Pennsylvania, U. S. A., on the 2nd day of October, 1753, on the ship Edenburg, James Lyon, Captain, from Rotterdam, Germany.

He first settled at Maiden Creek, and then moved to Tulpehocken, amongst the Huguenot colony, near Reading, Pa., where most of his children were born. In the summer of 1772 he removed to the present limits of Union County, then Northumberland County, and was one of the first settlers. On the 3rd of Oct., 1772, he bought the tract of land known as the Thomas Lowry tract, which embraces the lands around the mouth of Turtle Creek, at which point he built a grist and saw mill, of which traces are yet in sight (1899) near the mouth of said creek and close to the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

He was married twice. The children of John Aurandt with his first wife, Mary Elizabeth, (nee Pontius) were Henry, Daniel, and Jacob, who were born in Europe; the latter, Jacob, emigrated to this country Sept. 27th, 1773, on the ship Union, Capt. Bryson, of Rotterdam, via Portsmouth. Then were Peter, Deitrick, George, and Elizabeth, who were born in America. The children with the second wife were Abraham, John Yost, and Mary, who was married to John Wolf.

According to the Annals of F. Thompson Baker, Esq., of the Pontius and Sellaire families, the first wife of John Aurand was a daughter of John Pontius and Catherine Sellaire, his wife, Huguenots, who with their parents were exiles from France on account of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV, 1685. And according to the Court records at Sunbury, Pa., his second wife's name was Catherine Emerick, widow of ——— Emerick, who had granted him letters of attorney, Aug. 9th, 1786, five years after the death of his first wife, to settle up and collect her in-

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\*Our ancestors always wrote their name ending with "T" (AURANDT), but of late years some branches drop the "T" and write it AURAND.



terest in her brother's estate, whose name was Thompson.

Having had ten children, seven with the first wife and three with the second, it is proper for convenience to denote them as ten branches of the American stem. Thus:

### First Branch—HENRY AURAND.

He was married to Rebecca Dreisbach, daughter of Martin Dreisbach. His name appears in connection with his brothers, George and Jacob, on record as members of the Reformed church at Dreisbach in the year 1788. They were also assessed in Buffalo Township, Northumberland (now Union) County, in April 1780. He moved to Middlecreek Valley, into Beaver Township, which was formed out of Penn's Township, Northumberland County, on April 4, 1787, and embraced what is now called Beaver, West Beaver, Adams, Spring and a part of Franklin and Centre Townships, in Snyder County, Pa. Among the names assessed of settlers in this new township in the year 1794 appear the names Henry and George Aurand, brothers. Henry settled and kept store for some years where John Bingham lived many years afterwards, north of Beavertown, and then moved to the place where Simon Oldt afterwards lived, which he had bought, and lived there until his death.

He had ten children, five sons and five daughters, Samuel, Jonathan, George, John and Daniel; then Christina, intermarried to John Moyer; Pauline, intermarried to George Valentine; Leah, intermarried to Frederick Moyer; Susan, intermarried to John Weaver; Eve, intermarried to Anthony Weaver; Catherine, intermarried to John Troxell, who was the grandfather of John, Samuel and Isaac Troxell; of Troxelville, Pa., and of Mrs. Absalom Snyder and Mrs. John P. Smith, of Middleburg, Pa., and Mrs. Wm. B. Baum, of New Berlin, Pa., and Mrs. Isaac Ulsh, of Beaver Springs, Pa., (first wife). Their given names having been Catherine; Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, Christina and Susannah Delilah.

His son, Samuel Aurand, had nine children, viz: Sarah, intermarried to John Steininger; Henry, who lived and died at or near Lewistown; Rebecca, intermarried to Wm. Roshong; Samuel, who lived at Lewistown, Pa., and later moved to Minneapolis, Kans., and from there to Colorado Springs, where he died; Enoch and Eli, who lived and died in Decatur, Mifflin Co., Pa.; Catherine, intermarried to John Shirey; Isaac, and Elizabeth, intermarried to Jacob Greenhoe, all three living at Adamsburg, Pa. Isaac, intermarried to Caroline Robinson, is the father of Rev. Charles M. Aurand, of Martinsburg, Pa., who is intermarried to Anna E. Greenhoe, and Samuel F., intermarried to Ellen E. Stumpff, who had four children, Ammon M., intermarried to Jennie, daughter of Lewis Helfrich, who have one son, Ammon Monroe, Jr.; Sadie C., intermarried to Jesse A. Cather-

man, who have three children, Iva, Florence and Alvin; Effie M., intermarried to John A. Kearns, of Beavertown, who had one child, Roland A., who died May 21, 1899, aged six months and thirteen days; Ambrose W., intermarried to Hettie M., daughter of William Hartley, who have one daughter, Carrie H., all residing at or near Beaver Springs, Pa., and Alice, intermarried to Samuel H. Stumpff, who died in June, 1892. She again married her second husband, Allen Fultz, June 14, 1899.

John, the son of Henry, had eleven children, viz: Daniel, George, Henry, Samuel, John, Abraham, Eli, Isaac, Susan, Christina, and Leah. Of these Daniel had six children: Mary Elvinah, William, Henry, Harrison, James, and Eliza Jane. George, who lived and died at Shamokin Dam, had the following named children, viz: George, Samuel, Jacob, Henry, Daniel, and Peter. Christina, intermarried with Ort, the father of Rev. Samuel Ort, D. D., of Springfield, Ohio.

### **Second Branch—DANIEL AURAND.**

Daniel, who lived at Sunbury, Pa., was assessed in the year of 1793 as a resident of Penns township, Northumberland, now Snyder county. His wife's given name was Mary Appolonia, as appears from an Indenture made the 3rd day of Dec., 1787, between Daniel Aurand and his wife as above written, of Sunbury, North'd Co., and Wendal Lawrence, of Berks Co., Pa., for lot No. 112 on Dewbury St. He had a family of children, but is not known how many. This is learned from his father. John Aurandt's will, made January 13, 1808, which in disposing of his property says, "to the following named children, Henry, Dietrick, Peter, George and my grand children of my deceased sons Daniel and Jacob and my daughter Elizabeth, who is intermarried with Francis Zellar, or any of their representatives shall have by no means any demand against my estate, except as I shall herein direct, etc."

The only child of this son Daniel we have any knowledge of, and which information was given us by Simon Snyder, of Mazeppa, now deceased, who knew and worked with him, is John, who was intermarried to Elizabeth Swineford, his second wife, of Middleburg, a sister of Albright Swineford, of the same place and for whom he and Snyder worked at the carpenter trade; that the said John was a son of Daniel, who lived at Sunbury. Together with the above statement given, and court records with other traces found the said Daniel was the father of John, who also lived at Sunbury during the life of his first wife, and from where he moved to Middleburg with his family. The children with his first wife were Solomon, Daniel and Rebecca, who was intermarried to James Kinnman—lived and died at Laurelton, Pa. The son Daniel who left home soon after his father's second marriage in the year 1827, went to Pottsville, Pa., where

he lived and died without ever returning to his native place. He was married to Catherine Shelly, of same place, and had the following named children: Daniel, John, James, George, Lewis, Jacob, Mrs. Mary Martz, Mrs. Harriet Shultz, Mrs. Julia Ann McAfee, Mrs. Maria Louise Castle, Mrs. Kate Presville, and Ellen Eliza, of these all are dead excepting Kate, George, and Julia Ann.

The grand children are Lulu, Kate, Nellie, George, and Lewis, the children of Lewis, all of whom live in Chicago, Ills. The children of Mrs. Mary Martz are Frank, Tama, Harry, and Ida, the two latter dead. Mrs. Harriet Shultz had but one, Belle, dead. Mrs. Presville, one child, Mattie, dead. Mrs. Julia McAfee's children are Carrie, Mary, Jane, Sophie, and Mariah. John Aurandt had two children with his second wife, Isaac and Mariah, who was intermarried with a man by the name of Buffington and had two children, James and Edward. Solomon, son with his first wife, born March 25, 1805, died Feb. 25, 1813, is buried in Kreamer cemetery, south of Middleburg, Pa

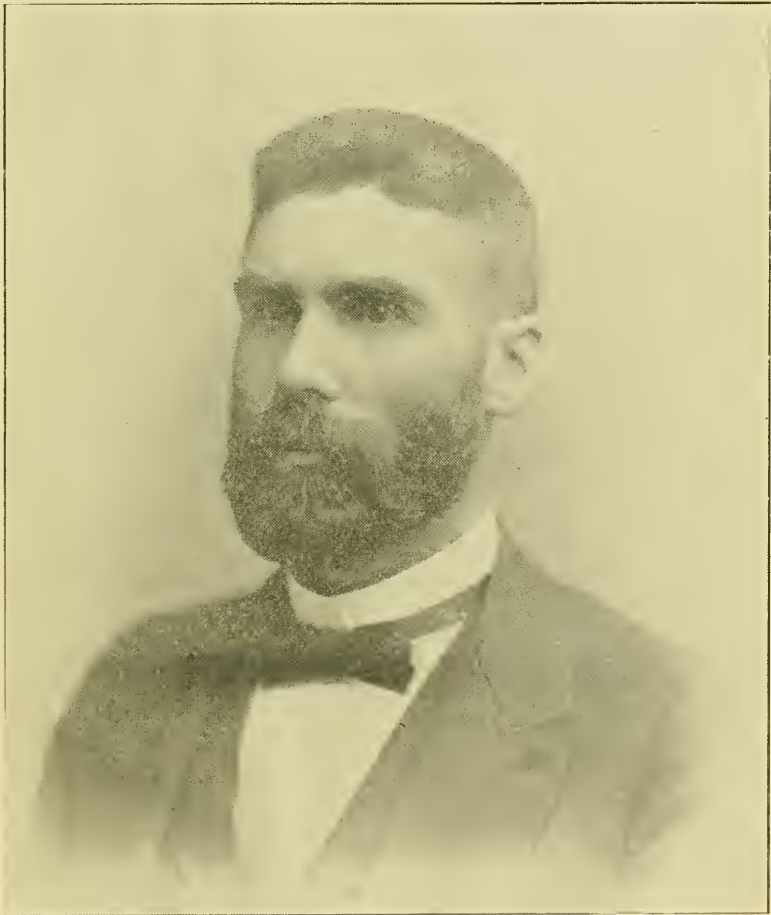
### Third Branch—JACOB AURAND.

Jacob, had six children, Catherine, Henry, Elizabeth, John, George and Jacob.

This record was found in Deed Book F, page 128, at Sunbury, Pa., in an agreement between his heirs above mentioned and John Aurand, their grandfather, the emigrant, a part of which reads as follows: "Whereas my son, Jacob Aurand, lately died intestate leaving lawful issue to survive him" and are named as above given. He having died in the year 1793. Although it was thought by some that he lived and died at Reading, yet from the county records of assessments of Northumberland which then included Union in the years 1775 and 1780, he with his brothers Henry and Daniel were inhabitants of Buffalo township, Northumberland county, now Union. Thus showing that he did not live at Reading the time of his death. Then according to the court records at Sunbury, of Northumberland county and those at Lewisburg of Union county, Pa., together with the knowledge of David Ream, son of Henry Ream, who was married to the widow of John Aurand, Jr., who died in the year 1807 and the late John Dunkle who were acquainted with the Aurand family, we were able to trace the families of but three of the children, Henry, John and George. Henry lived and died at Millinburg. John near Salem, two miles west from Selinsgrove, and is buried at the Salem church—both have tomb stones. George emigrated to the Mohawk valley in the state of New York. Lived and died in Wayne county of same state.

Henry was married to a Miss Welker and had nine children, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Polly intermarried to George Lashells, Frederick, Sus-

an, Sarah who died June 17, 1856, and is buried at Mifflinburg, Pa.,—has a tomb stone; Mary Ann, and Joel who died at the age of forty-eight years. Was married to Susanah Getgen, and with her had ten children, Mary, died in infancy; Kate and Mariah, twins; Henrietta, Susan, Wesley is married and has one child living named Bethel; Dr. Samuel H., whose biography is herewith connected.



**SAMUEL H. AURAND.**

The subject of this sketch, Dr. S. H. Aurand, is one of Chicago's most respected and successful physicians. He was born in Stephenson county,



October 26, 1874, and is the son of Joel and Susannah (Getgen) Aurand, natives of the state of Pennsylvania. His early education was acquired in the common schools of Stephenson and Carroll counties. In the spring of 1854 he entered the Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and there he remained a term. In the summer of 1875 he commenced teaching school part of each year, and kept this up for ten successive terms. By working this way he managed to teach school for two terms and attend school two terms each year, until 1881, when he graduated from the academic department of the Mount Morris College. He resumed teaching for a year and then entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, where in 1884 he graduated, receiving his degree of M. D. In February of the same year Dr. Aurand located in Loran, Ill., and there began the practice of his chosen profession. His efforts soon met with gratifying success, and he became one of the leading and most popular physicians of that county, and had a large and successful practice. He was elected Justice of the Peace, but owing to the interference which it caused him with his professional duties, he resigned. After having spent three years in very active professional work at his old home in the village of Loran, he returned to his alma mater in the city of Chicago for a post-graduate course. He then practiced three years more in the village of his birth, when, in April of 1890, he moved to Chicago where he spent one year in the various colleges and hospitals of that city, more completely fitting himself for his chosen work. Dr. Aurand then located in Pearl City, Stephenson county, where he remained for four years. Here he enjoyed a very large country practice from the beginning as he was well acquainted, it being only six miles from his former location—the village of Loran. He built a very handsome residence at this place, which is one of the best in the town. He was one of the foremost citizens of the place, taking an active part in all that went to build it up. He was twice elected Trustee of the village board. Dr. Aurand is a loyal Mason and was one of the leaders in instituting Pearl Lodge, No. 823, in the village of Pearl City, and was its first Worshipful Master for two years. He is a member of Lena Chapter and Freeport Consistory. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Illinois State Homeopathic Medical Society, also of the Northwestern Homeopathic Medical Society and was its first president. He has recently joined the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Society. In May, 1895, Dr. Aurand took up his residence in Freeport, Ill., and immediately entered upon the duties of his profession. His efforts were crowned with success, so that at the end of two years he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. In May, 1897, Dr. Aurand located at 720 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, as successor to Dr. A. W. Hinman, who was the

sucessor to Dr. W. F. Knoll, deceased. This he intends to make his future home. He is now connected with and Lecturer on Botany, Pharmacology and Physiological Materia Medica, and Instructor in Medicine in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, of Chicago, Illinois. On the 11th of May, 1887, Dr. Aurand was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Tollmeier, of Jefferson township, daughter of Simon Tollmeier, who is a well known resident of that place. She died at Pearl City, July 14, 1893. One son, Arthur G., is the result of that marriage. Dr. Aurand was married again, April 16th, 1895, to Mrs. Flora I. Knoll, who was the widow of Dr. W. F. Knoll. These people were all born and raised in Jefferson township, in or near the village of Loran, and knew one another from childhood.

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Wellington, Araminta, and Dr. Oliver J., who is married and has one son named Donald. John, married to Betsy Miller, had one son, H. G., who has two children, John and Charles. Henry had a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, James and Sarah of Charles City. Iowa, George, Bowdle, S. Dak., Jake, Loran, Ill., Robert, Lanark, Ill., Joel, Freeport, Ill., and Alfred, Willow, Ill. Of these George has one son William and one daughter. Jake has four sons, George, William, Jake, John and three daughters, Lizzie, Lottie and Daisy. Robert has six daughters and one son. Joel has three daughters. Alfred has two children. Fred had seven children, Benjamin. Henry, Thomas, Albert, Calvin, Julia, and Lydia. John Aurand, son of Jacob, was married to Elizabeth Row and were blessed with the following named children, Jacob, Daniel, John, Samuel, Elias, Polly (or Mary) Rebecca, Hannah and Elizabeth. Jacob, intermarried with Catherine Sterner—had the following named children, Simon, Jeremiah, John, Perry, Susan, Hannah, Catherine, Priscilla, Mary, Elizabeth and Polly. Daniel, intermarried with Rebecca Frederick and had the following named children, Harrison, Lewis, Martin, Samuel, Eliza Ann, Diannah and Mrs. Strawser. John, intermarried with Polly Bickel and had the following named children, Henry, George, Mrs. Keller and Susan. Samuel, intermarried with Polly Snyder and had the following children, Lewis, Samuel, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Harriet and Leah. Elias' wife's name was Elizabeth Mitchell and had the following named children, George, William, John, Jacob, Jeremiah and Sarah intermarried with Wm. Wetzel.

Polly, intermarried with Jacob Boyer and had the following named children: Carolina, Sophia, Hannab, Catherine, Frank, Henry, Samuel, and Reuben.

Rebecca, intermarried with David Hassinger. Their children are: Allen, Samuel, Amanda, and Isabella.

Hannah, intermarried with Daniel Mitchell, had the following child-

ren: Martin, John, William, Henry, Jess, and Elizabeth, intermarried with Henry Shutterly.

Elizabeth, intermarried with Frank Boyer, and had the following named children: Uica, Catherine, Benjamin, James, and Joseph. Her second marriage was with Levi Crotzer and had three children, viz: Jane, Harriet, and Elizabeth.

George Aurand, who emigrated to New York State had a family of twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter, William, George, Henry, Jacob, John, Andrew, Benjamin, Simon, Francis, Daniel, Lewis, and Elizabeth. Of these John married Cynthia Grow, in Wayne Co., N. Y., Feb. 6, 1834, and had the following children: Elias G., Mrs. M. D. Brink, of Nashua, Iowa; Mrs. George Allen, La Grande, Oreg; Mrs. I. O. Jones, Buford, N. Dak; Mrs. Evland Johnson, Hetland, S. Dak; Mrs. Oliver S. Allen; Mrs. Ida Griswold. It is stated by Elias G. Aurand, of McIntire, Iowa, "that the most of his father's brothers moved from the State of N. Y., to Michigan about the years 1845-50-55, that his father moved to Ids. in 1848 and then to Iowa in 1855. While in the state of New York his grandfather and all his children, married and single, lived around him in same county of Wayne."

#### Fourth Branch—PETER AURAND.

Peter Aurandt was married to —————. He lived and died at Reading, Pa. His occupation was saddler. He had a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters: John, Peter, Frank, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Rebecca, and Sarah.

John had a family of four daughters and one son, whose name was Daniel, and lived in Philadelphia. His daughters were all married but have all died.

Peter lived in Tamaqua and engaged in the stationery or book business. He was postmaster for many years and a very prominent man in that place; was married and had a family of seven children: two sons and five daughters: Peter, who was unmarried and killed in California by the Spaniards, and Henry K. who is now (1899) living at Tamaqua and engaged in the same business his father was. He was born at Sunbury, Pa., in July, 1833, and has a family of four sons, Aquilla B., Lewis, Peter and Frederick.

The five daughters, whose names after marriage were respectively, Mrs. Christina Bolton, no children; Mrs. Mary Heilman, who has two boys; Mrs. Catherine Whiltnight, who had a large family; Mrs. Caroline Carter, who also had a large family; Mrs. Madeline Seavil, who had one daughter; Frank, who lived in Tamaqua and had a family.

Henry, the Reformed minister, who died in Freeport, Ill., in the year



1876, had a family of seven children, Jennie R., Annie, Edward, Louisa, Cordelia, Faith and James. Edward and James both died in childhood. Then is Jennie, single at this writing; Annie, intermarried to Dr. Robt. Hayes, and has three children living; Harry, a banker in Aberdeen, Washington; Grace, at home, and Salon who is now at State College, Pa; Louisa, who was intermarried with a Mr. Garwell, died in 1882 and left two children, Roy and Isabel. Miss Jennie, Mrs. Hayes and Farwell and families all of Freeport, Ill. Mrs. Cordelia Allen lives in Sioux City, Iowa, and has seven children, Minnie, Frank, Mabel, Theodore, Robert, Jennie and Herman.

Faith Aurand, intermarried with Snowbrook, died in Chicago, 1880, and left three children, Belle, William and Lilia. William is a lawyer in Chicago. Harry Hayes is the only grand child married at this writing, January, 1897.

The four daughters of Peter Aurand, son of the emigrant, were Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and Rebecca. Elizabeth, intermarried with John Boyer, had three children, viz: Valentine, who was a physician, and James both dead. James left two children, Mariah, who was intermarried with L. T. Hilliard and had three children, all of them living in Chicago, Ill. Sarah, intermarried to a Mr. Lantz of Reading, where they lived and died. Mary, married to a Mr. Yeager. Rebecca, intermarried to a man by the name of Beidler of Reading, Pa, and had a large family. Her oldest son Frederick was a minister in the Reformed church.

### **Fifth Branch—JOHN DEITRICK AURAND.**

John Deitrick Aurand was born November 8, 1760, at Maiden Creek, Pa., and was married to Catherine Reiber, of Lebanon Co., Pa., about 1783. He died at Water Street, Pa., March 30, 1831. Was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and afterward became an eminent minister of the Reformed church. He enlisted in Colonel Steward's Regiment, Wayne's Brigade, Penna. Line, when but eighteen years old, and returned home at the expiration of his term of service, 1781. But alas! too late to see his kind loving mother who had taken her departure from earth to heaven and amidst the tenderest longings to see her son once more before she died.

This however made a deep and lasting impression on his mind, that he would often visit her grave and kneeling on it would pour out his heart in anguish of soul to God for grace and power to serve him the remaining days of his life, which according to his life history was kept. He spent his early years in his father's mill and learned the milling trade which he followed at different places down the river. In 1794 he returned with his family and settled on a farm on Turtle Creek, midway between its source and outlet, about five miles above Jenkin's mill. Having been drawn to-

ward and feeling himself called to the ministry he prepared and entered upon the duties of the same and moved to Water Street, Pa., in 1804, where he continued the work of the sacred office faithfully in the Reformed church until the year 1831, when he died.

### **Sixth Branch—GEORGE AURAND.**

George, who lived and died at Middleburg, July 18, 1850, was born November 16, 1769, and is buried on the Hassinger cemetery, two miles west of the place he resided. Was assessed for Swinefordstown in the year 1814 as following the saddler trade, and in 1838 as justice of the peace. He was married twice, the name of his first wife was Mary Barbara Person, who was born August 9, 1766, and died March 8, 1829. They were married on May 3, 1790, by Rev. Shultz, of Tulpehocken, Pa. His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary Royer, widow of Sabathian Royer, by Rev. J. R. Smith, on the 11th day of June, 1829. Her maiden name was Mariah Michael, and was born October 6, 1777, died August 17, 1848.

He and his first wife were blessed with nine children: Mary Catherine, born Feb. 12, 1791, died Sept. 2, 1842; John, born July 21, 1792, died Oct. 30, 1814; George, born July 27, 1794, died April 21, 1835; Pauline, born June 17, 1796, died Sept. 5, 1853; Samuel, born March 2, 1798, died August 19, 1845; John Jacob, born January 26, 1801, died Nov. 9, 1884; Henry, born March 26, 1803; died Dec. 10, 1855; Daniel, born August 30, 1806; died February 17, 1807; Peter, born Dec. 16, 1809, died July 15, 1813.

The German Bible of George Aurandt, Esq., containing the above record, now in possession of one of his grandsons, Rev. F. Aurand, was presented to his wife, Mary Barbara, nee Person, by her mother, of Tulpehocken, in the year 1791. It contains the record of the fact that John Aurandt, the emigrant and father of George, Esq., was born Sept. 5, 1725, at Dillenburg, in Nasau, Germany, and died March 30, 1808, aged 82 years, 6 months and 4 days. The grand children of George, Esq., and children of John Jacob, were Mary Ann, John, Frederick, Abner, Jacob Person, and Anna Margaret.

### **Biography of REV. FREDERICK AURAND.**

The compiler of these annals was born at Middleburg, Pa., March 16, 1838. His parents were Jacob Aurand and Mary Ann, nee Snyder, and is therefore a great-grandson of the emigrant, John Aurand.

His early education was acquired in the common schools of Middleburg. In the fall of 1857 he entered the Union Seminary, now Central Penna. College at New Berlin, Pa., to prepare himself for the ministry, and after a course of two years hard study he was obliged, on account of his health and want of means, to relinquish his studies for a time. In the year 1868 he entered the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna Univer-

sity, Selinsgrove, Pa., from which institution he graduated in the year 1872, and was ordained in May of the same year at Danville, Pa., by the Susquehanna Synod. He served the following named pastorates with much acceptance and profit to the people and also credit to himself, the Lord having blessed his labors in all of them: Fisherville, Dauphin Co.; Rebersburg, Centre Co.; Loysville, Perry Co.; Millersville, Lancaster Co., and Union Charge, in Union Co., Pa., also Avoca, New York. His first pastorate was freed from debt during his ministry, and in the second two new churches were built and dedicated free of debt. In the third, one of the churches was remodeled, and had a debt cancelled of another besides receiving many into church fellowship as in the other charges he served. In the last charge he organized one congregation and effected a consolidation with three others. Thus showing he was active and alive to the work entrusted him. He was married to Sarah Jane Horlacher, daughter of Daniel and Barbara Horlacher, of New Berlin, Pa.; Aug. 30, 1859.

All of the children of John Jacob Aurand are dead at this writing except Rev. Frederick and his sister Anna M., intermarried with John W. Wittenmyer who have two children living, Mrs. Cora May Walter, and Murry Wittenmyer. The oldest son, John, died in Dec. 1852; Abner, died at McDugals Hospital, Fort Schuyler, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1863, from the effects of a wound received in the assault on Fort Wagner, Morris Island, S. C., during the Civil War. Jacob P., died Dec. 1, 1893, was married to Ellen C. Long with whom he had a son, Arthur W., still living.

John Jacob, the father of these children, was married to Mary Ann Snyder, daughter of George Snyder. He died Nov. 9, 1884, and his wife Oct. 27, 1892.

The children of George, Jr., son of George, Esq., were Henry, of Belleville, Mifflin Co., Pa., Mary, of Bellevue, Ohio; Jacob, of Youngstown, Ohio; Daniel and Peter, of Lewisburg, Pa.; Barbara, intermarried with George Paul; George and Samuel; Henry, son of George, Esq., unmarried, died intestate in 1855.

Samuel was married twice. His first marriage was with Christina Wise, June 2, 1819, and had three children, George Frederick, Henry, and Mary Jane, intermarried to Edward Wilson, of New Berlin, Pa. His second marriage was to Maria Missimer, May 25, 1830; with her he had four children, Sarah Ann, Samuel Missimer, Charles and, Emeline. Second wife died Aug. 12, 1876. He died in 1845.

### Seventh Branch—ELIZABETH.

Elizabeth, intermarried to Frances P. Zeller, of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, was born Dec. 21st, 1762, and died April 23rd, 1819. Frances P. Zeller was born A. D., 1751, April 8th, in Tulpehocken town-

ship, Berks county, Pa. Lived and died on the same farm, his death taking place on Oct. 3rd, 1821. The funeral text for Mrs. Z. was Job 14: 6, and for Mr. Z. was Heb. 4: 1. The family record of Paul Zellers is given as the source from which this was copied and verified correct. Paul was the father of Frances P. Zeller, who was intermarried with Elizabeth Aurand. Paul had the following named children: Philip, born Nov. 5th, A. D., 1744; John Peter, born Dec. 6th, A. D., 1745; Maria, born May 5, A. D., 1748; Elizabeth, born Nov. 14, A. D., 1749; Frances P., born April 8th, A. D., 1751; Catherine, born March 31, 1753; Margaret, born January 13, 1755.

The above was copied from Jonathan Zeller's family record of Berks county.

Frances P., who was born April 8th, 1751, and intermarried to Elizabeth Aurand had the following named children, John, Daniel, Benjamin, Henry, Peter, Jacob, Valentine, Jonathan, David, Anna Elizabeth, and Mary Catherine, both married to Christian Houtz.

The children of John and Catherine S. Zeller are the following named, Jonathan, born January 10th, 1806, and intermarried to Henrietta Hofine of Bedford, Pa.; Samuel, born March 2nd, 1808, and married Elizabeth Frederick of Union county; Benjamin, born Oct. 2nd, 1810; John, born May 8th, 1812, and married Mary Rishel of Union county; Daniel, born February 29th, 1816, and married Lydia Beck of Lewisburg, Pa.; Francis, born Oct. 12th, 1819, and married Catherine Ruhl of Union county; Elizabeth, born February 19th, 1822, and was intermarried to Solomon Ritter of Lewisburg.

### **Eighth Branch—JOHN YOST AURAND.**

John Yost Aurandt, who lived and died near the Dreisbauch church in Buffalo Valley in May, 1803, was a son of John the emigrant's second marriage. His wife's name was Catherine Young with whom he had three children, two daughters and one son. He lived and died on the John Zeller's farm in May, 1807. His son's given name was John and was married to Annie Ream, first cousin to David Ream and daughter of Nicholas Ream. Mrs. Catherine (nee Young) Aurand, widow of John, deceased, was again married to Henry Ream and with whom she had five children, four sons, Gabriel, Joseph, David and Moses, and one daughter intermarried with Henry Becker.

The son of John Aurand, Jr., was married to Anna Ream and had two daughters, both married, one to Samuel Gift and the other to Samuel Rorabauch. He moved to Palestine, Ill., and after the death of Henry Ream, her second husband, his mother also went to and lived with her son, John Aurand, son of the first husband, and there died.

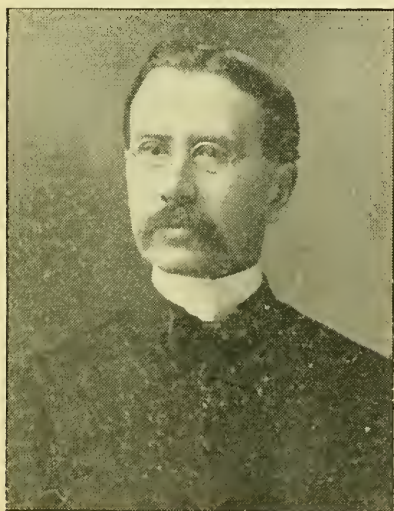


### Nineth Branch—MARY AURAND.

Mary, also of the second wife, was intermarried to John Wolf. No trace of her and family, if any, could be found.

### Tenth Branch—ABRAHAM AURAND.

Abraham, of the second wife, and the youngest son, was born Nov. 9, 1788, and his wife, Catherine, was born July 21, 1787. Both lived and died in East Buffalo Township. He died on January 25, 1855. Their children were Maria, born January 14, 1810; Leah, born March 18, 1814; Daniel Jacob, born January 3, 1816 and died March 11, 1817; Lydia, born Nov. 22, 1817; Catherine, born April 11, 1820; Levi, born April 1, 1822, and died January 17, 1824; Abraham, born Sept. 24, 1824; Thomas F., born Nov. 1, 1827, and died in 1838; John, born March 1, 1831. Maria was intermarried with Enos Neibel; Leah with Jonathan A. Shout; Catherine with Christian Royer; Lydia with Henry Mertz. Abram, Jr., was married to Catherine Brown and have one child living, married to William Ritter and resides at Lewisburg, Pa.



REV. C. M. AURAND.

Rev. Charles Monroe Aurand, A. M., the subject of this sketch, was born near Beaver Springs, Pa., on Oct. 22, 1855. His parents, Isaac and Caroline Aurand, residing on a farm, it was his good fortune to spend

his early life as a "farmer boy." The sights and scenes of youth will abide with him, in memory, to his dying day; and often, when in a state of reverie, there is a deep yearning for the return of just one bright boyhood week on the old farm. On the 15th day of June, 1873, he was received into full church fellowship by the rite of confirmation, after being duly instructed by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Weiland. The class was a large one, some of whom remain and others have "passed over."

"O, happy day that fixed my choice  
On Thee, my Savior and my God."

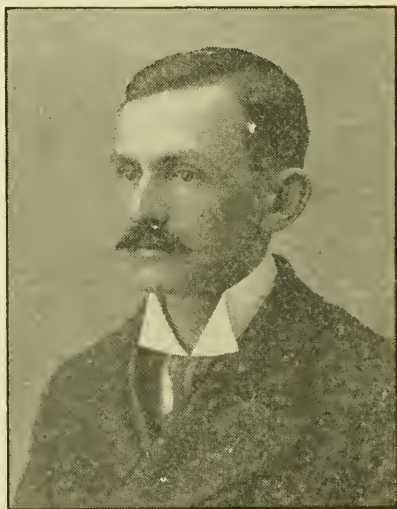
The early school days of "Charlie" Aurand were similar to those of all the other boys of the community. In this case it was the "little red school house" on the cross roads that furnished the scene of conflict with the "three R's." Victory over the smaller antagonists, caused him to look around for other worlds to

conquer." Hence, on August 4, 1873, he bid farewell to home and fireside to enter the arena of college life. Of the toils and trials, tears and temptations on one side, and the triumphs and timbrels of joy on the other, during eight years following, nothing shall be said. The Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., excite memories all too sacred for revelation. The first half of these years were spent with the purpose of making law his profession. But Providence disposed differently and so when a call to the Gospel ministry was plainly recognized, he "consulted not with flesh and blood," but heeded and obeyed. With a change of purpose came a change of studies, instead of reading law he entered the theological department of Susquehanna University, from which he graduated in May, 1882, and was ordained by the Central Penn'a Synod in the same year. By the grace of God, the subject of this sketch has served the following parishes: Milroy, Pa., and Maytown, Pa., five years; Zion Evan. Lutheran Church, Williamsport, Md., four years; Christ English Lutheran Church, Trenton, N. J., three years; Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Berwick, Pa., six years.

The marriage to Miss Annie E. Greenhoe was one of the blest days of his life. She has been equal to every emergency of the pastor's life. She has been a source of unceasing

comfort and strength to him. In the crosses of the present life and the crowns of the life to come, she has been and SHALL be an equal sharer. Their two children, Gertrude Granville Aurand, (B. A.) a graduate of Irving college, and Charles Greenhoe Aurand, nine years of age, who at birth was consecrated to the holy ministry, are both at home, the joy of the parents. (See page 7.)

"When all thy mercies, O, my God,  
My rising soul surveys:  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love, and praise."



A. M. AURAND.

Ammon Monroe Aurand was born near Adamsburg (Beaver Springs P. O.) on Sept. 3, 1870, being in his thirtieth year at the time this work is printed. Although a young man, his life has been a very busy one, and is an example of what can be

done if the faculties are put to right use. The subject of this sketch is a self-made man in all respects. He received only a common school education and at the age of sixteen years entered upon his chosen life work, the printing and publishing business, in which he has been remarkably successful. This goes to show that the young men who are not blessed with means can make a success in life without a college education, if their spare time is devoted to study; young Aurand using all available spare moments in the study of his books.

In 1887, Mr. Aurand issued the first number of the ADAMSBURG HERALD, in a small-sized form. This paper continued to grow in size, circulation and influence, until now it has the largest circulation of any weekly paper in Snyder, Mifflin or Juniata Counties, over two thousand copies being issued every week. In 1893 he started the American Business Journal, and in 1896 the American Monthly Herald, both of which papers have been very successful, the former having a circulation of over 5,000 copies and the latter over 10,000 copies per month, extending all over the United States.

In 1894 he erected the present substantial HERALD building opposite the railroad station, Adamsburg, being 25x45 feet and two stories high; here is located one of the most modern and best equipped newspaper plants in Central Pennsylvania, in which are employed from six to

twelve persons the year round. Besides personally superintending the printing business, editing the papers and attending to his duties as postmaster, Mr. Aurand has other business interests requiring his attention, so that every moment of his time is taken up. Immediately opposite the printing office he erected a handsome residence in 1898.

Mr. Aurand is a member of Christ Reformed Church, Adamsburg, and has held the office of deacon since 1893. He is serving his second term as secretary of the Joint Consistory of Beaver Springs Reformed charge. He is an active member of the Christian Endeavor Society connected with said church, and has been a teacher of a boys' class in the Reformed Sunday School for nearly ten years.

In politics Mr. Aurand is a Republican and has served several terms as County Committeeman, having been secretary of the organization for two terms. In 1896 he was elected National Delegate from Snyder County to the St. Louis Convention, which nominated William McKinley for president, and received the highest number of votes ever given any Republican candidate in Snyder County. In 1897 Mr. Aurand was appointed postmaster at Beaver Springs, which office he still holds. In 1899 he was elected School Director of Spring Township District and is at present serving as secretary of said School Board.

Mr. Aurand is a member of the



Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has occupied all the important offices in the Lodge, including that of secretary for several terms, and is now a Past Grand in the order. He was one of the charter members of Adamsburg Lodge No. 566

He was also a charter member of Beaver Springs Castle No. 423, Knights of the Golden Eagle, having held all the offices in said Order, and is now a Past Chief. In 1899 he was elected representative to the Grand Castle. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 97 Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Beavertown, Pa., and also of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association and of the Juniata Valley Editorial Association, these memberships affording him the opportunity of making friends all over the state.

Mr. Aurand was united in marriage December 26, 1889, by Rev. W. M. Landis, to Jennie M., daughter of Lewis Helfrich, which union has been blessed with one son, Am-

mon Monroe Aurand, Jr., who was born March 8, 1895.

The subject of this sketch is a son of Samuel F. Aurand and his wife Ellen E., daughter of John and Sarah Stumpff, who died within a few weeks of each other in the spring of 1880. Samuel Aurand and wife, as well as the parents of Samuel, Isaac Aurand and wife, are still living, all at Adamsburg. (See pages 6 and 7 for names of ancestors.)

Mr. Aurand does not use intoxicating liquor or tobacco in any form. He is a great lover of books and has a private library of nearly 1000 volumes.

Such is the short history of a remarkably successful young man, who started in life without a dollar capital and has energetically worked his way up to an influential position and brief as is the account, it conveys a helpful suggestion to every youth who would win a worthy place in life.

## Notes.

The first wife of the emigrant John Aurandt died in 1781 with the deepest longing to see her son, Deitrick, before she died, who was then in the Revolutionary war. She was buried on a gentle knoll on the west side of the present road, and on the south side, west of the red bridge across Turtle Creek, near the mouth of the stream, under an aged yellow pine in the midst of a clump of beautiful white pines of smaller growth, of which, alas! many are destroyed and a public road made over and by it. Her husband John, died March 30, 1808, near the Dreisbach church where he was buried, but in later years his remains were removed to the Lewisburg cemetery. His age was 82 years. He held many important offices. On June 9, 1777, he was appointed as one of the first justices under the new constitution.

Henry Gast is authority for the following facts, given in 1892, that John, George and Henry were brothers, which corroborates the court records of Northumberland county that they were sons of Jacob Aurand and grandsons of John, the emigrant. John lived and died at Salem, Snyder Co., Pa., and was farmer and manufacturer of fanning mills with his brother Henry who lived at Mifflinburg. He also stated that their mother's name was Pontius, that after their father's death, she was again married to a Welker; also that the two sisters of John, George and Henry were married, one to a Grove and the other to a VanBuskirk.

The John Aurand who lived and died at Middleburg, who it is alleged was a son of Daniel, and was married to Elizabeth Swineford his second wife, had for his first wife Mary McCarthy.

On the 3rd of October, 1772, the emigrant John bought the Jenkin's mill property on Turtle Creek, Pa., after which it went by the name of Aurand mill. In the year 1778 he sold it again to Morgan Jenkin and his son Deitrick being the miller and possibly not having anything to do, as it is alleged, and going down the country in search of employment, fell in with the recruiting officer and enlisted in the army, tho' but eighteen years old, and unknown to his parents. At any rate before his time expired his father went to the army, and made an effort to secure his release on the ground of his minority; but he declined returning, and served until the year 1781 when occurred the revolt of General Wayne's troops, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his father's home on Turtle Creek.

The mill spoken of is still owned by the Jenkin family. As per statement in Dr. Harbaugh's fathers of the German Reformed Church upon the authority of John D. Aurand, Yellow Springs, Pa., a grandson of

the emigrant John, who built both the flouring and saw mill at Turtle Creek, which is also correct, but those mills and the Jenkin mills are different mills.

In the year 1775 John Aurand and his sons named were assessed with the following property under cultivation, etc.: John Aurand, 40 acres, 2 horses and 3 cows, together with grist and saw mill; Henry Aurand, 15 acres, 1 horse and 2 cows; Jacob Aurand, 4 acres, horse and cow; Daniel, 10 acres, horse and cow.

Mrs. Hannah Mitchell, of Elkhart, Ind., who was a daughter of John Aurand, Jr., and at this writing, 1899, is some eighty years old, says her grand mother, Mrs. Jacob Aurand, was married the second time to a Mr. Welker of Mifflinburg, Pa.

Any information desired in regard to the Aurand legacy in chancery in Europe, can find some knowledge of the matter by making a research in the Huguenot Library in the City of New York.

This pamphlet, although requiring years of labor and research, was gotten out by the printers in a hurry, in order to preserve what has been collected up to this time, the uncertainty of life calling for this action. If the author lives, he may be able to add considerable to this work in years to come, and if not, we hope some one else will take up the task of preserving our family history.

The Susquehanna Synod, which ordained the author of this work, is a district Synod of the General Lutheran Synod.

Mrs. Lydia Schoch, nee Houtz, widow of John A. Schoch, deceased, late of Middleburg, Pa., was a granddaughter of Elizabeth Zeller, nee Aurand. She is still living and resides at Selinsgrove, Pa., and is 88 years old. She is the mother of Frank and Ira C. Schoch, of Selinsgrove.

ERRATA—Since the first part of this pamphlet was printed several errors have been noted and there may be others that have been overlooked. On pages 16 and 17, in the Seventh Branch, the name of "Frances P. Zeller" should be spelled "Francis P. Zeller." On page 17, John Yost Aurand died in May, 1807, and not in 1808, as stated.

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